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In Re Application of:
M. Seul et al.

Serial No. 09/448,420

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For: Color-Encoding and in-situ
Interrogation of Matrix-Coupled
Chemical Compounds

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Response Under Rule 1.116

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following remarks in connection with the Final Rejection of October 7, 2003. These remarks were not made earlier because Applicants believed that the amendments and remarks in the prior response had placed the application in condition for allowance. The remarks directed to the Boyce et al. reference were not made earlier because the Examiner had not cited this reference before the Final Rejection.

Applicants and the undersigned would like to conduct a telephone interview with the Examiner, once the Examiner has reviewed these remarks. The Examiner's consideration in granting such an interview is requested. The